

State Capability Assessment Project



Draft Questions

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND WARNING

Capability Description:	Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.
Mission Area:	Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery
Resources Used to Develop Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target Capabilities List (Emergency Public Information and Warning)

PLANNING

1. Does your jurisdiction have plans that address alert and warning? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
2. If yes, do the plans include the following elements? *Answer: multi-answer*
 - a. Process for activating the alert and warning function
 - b. Methods for gathering incident intelligence
 - c. Procedures for prioritizing and disseminating information
 - d. Initial notifications
 - e. Activation of the Emergency Alert System
 - f. Use of other methods of alert
 - g. Alert and notification of populations with access and functional needs
 - h. Coordination with local and mutual aid partners
 - i. Coordination with state and federal agencies
 - j. Coordination with the private sector
3. Does your jurisdiction have plans that address emergency public information? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
4. If yes, do the plans include the following elements? *Answer: multi-answer*
 - a. Process for activating the public information function
 - b. Procedure for informing the public of incident-specific information
 - c. Consistent messaging and rumor control
 - d. Coordinating with the local media
 - e. Joint Information Center operations

- f. Emergency public information for populations with access and functional needs
 - g. Coordination with local and mutual aid partners
 - h. Coordination with state and federal agencies
 - i. Coordination with the private sector
5. Does your jurisdiction have plans that address public outreach and education before or after a disaster occurs? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
6. **Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall public information and warning capability as it relates to planning? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10***

ORGANIZATION

7. Have you identified primary and supporting agencies responsible for coordinating public information and warning efforts? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
8. Do you have a mechanism in place to engage local partners in planning for public information and warning? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
9. Are mutual aid agreements in place to acquire additional resources to aid in housing recovery efforts? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
10. **Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall public information and warning capability as it relates to organization? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10***

EQUIPMENT

11. Do you have adequate equipment and supplies to implement public information and warning actions for your jurisdiction? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
12. If not, which of the following equipment and/or associated resources are you most in need of to support public information and warning actions? *Answer: multi-answer*
 - a. Planning resources
 - b. Qualified personnel
 - c. Housing resources
 - d. Information management tools
 - e. Other (note in gaps)
13. **Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall public information and warning capability as it relates to equipment? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10***

TRAINING

14. Does your emergency management organization collaborate with local partners to provide training around public information and warning? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
15. Have you identified staff and key partners responsible for implementing public information and warning actions? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
16. Have identified staff been trained on public information and warning actions? *Answer: radio button, within the past year/within the past 2 years/within the past 5 years/no*

17. Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall public information and warning capability as it relates to training? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10*

EXERCISES

18. Has your emergency management organization conducted an exercise that incorporates elements of public information and warning? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
19. If yes, when? *Answer: radio button, within the past year/within the past 2 years/within the past 5 years/no*
20. Has exercising of the public information and warning capability led to identification of corrective actions in regard to this capability? Please identify in the gaps section of this question. *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
21. Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall public information and warning capability as it relates to exercises? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10*

GLOBAL

22. Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall public information and warning capability? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10*
23. Based on your responses to the questions above, what priority (high, medium, low) would you assign to the public information and warning capability for your jurisdiction? *Answer: radio button, H, M, L*
24. Please identify which hazard/threat would most likely tax your ability to perform the public information and warning capability? *Answer: dropdown, hazards*
25. Have you identified any planning barriers or do you have any additional notes or comments regarding the public information and warning capability? *Answer: Text*